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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO ZANU STATEMENT TO FAO CONFERENCE

1. ON AUGUST 13 NOEL GABRIEL MUKONO, SECRETARY FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, ZIMBABWE AFRICAN NATIONAL UNION, MADE HIGHLY POLITICIZED SPEECH AT FAO CONFERENCE FOR AFRICA. IN ADDITION TO COMPLAINTS ABOUT AMERICAN REFUSAL TO ABIDE BY UN SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA, AIR RHODESIA'S OFFICES IN WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK, AND ALLEGATIONS THAT THE RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT IS OBTAINING ARMS IN THE US, HE SAID, IN CONTEXT OF RESPONSE TO US DEL COMMENTS THAT USG IS SENDING FURTHER ASSISTANCE TO AFRICAN COUNTRIES HIT BY THE DROUGHT QTE YES, IT IS AID TO OUR SUFFERING PEOPLE AND IT IS THE SAME UNITED STATES WHICH IS EQUIPPING AND FINANCING THE SMITH REGIME TO KILL US AND TO GIVE IT RESPECTABILITY WHICH IT SO BADLY NEEDS. UNQTE.

2. I HAVE ASKED US OBSERVER DR. WITCHER TO MAKE FOLLOWING STATEMENT TODAY WHICH IS LAST CHANCE TO INTERVENE QTE. MR. CHAIRMAN, SINCE I WAS ALLOWED TO INTERVENE DURING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS IT WAS NOT MY INTENTION TO MAKE A STATEMENT IN PLENARY
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SINCE WE ARE ALREADY BEHIND SCHEDULE. HOWEVER, I DO NOT BELIEVE

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TI WOULD BE FAIR TO MY GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE TO LET PASS IN
SILENCE A STATEMENT YESTERDAY BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
ZIMBABWE AFRICAN NATIONAL UNION THAT UNJUSTLY CLAIMED THAT MY
COUNTRY IS EQUIPPING AND FINANCING THE AUTHORITIES IN RHODESIA
TO KILL AFRICANS AND GIVE IT RESPECTABILITY. THIS SIMPLY IS NOT
TRUE. WE REGRET THAT SUCH A STATEMENT WAS MADE IN A TECHNICAL
ORGANIZATION WHERE WE HAVE ALL WORKED TOGETHER AND ARE CONTINUING
TO WORK TOGETHER TO FREE THE WORLD FROM HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION.
IT IS WELL KNOWN TO EVERYONE THAT THE UNITED STATES IS MAKING
GREAT EFFORTS TO HELP DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IMPROVE AGRICULTURE
PRODUCTION AND TO PROVIDE FOOD AID TO NEEDY AND SUFFERING PEOPLES
IN AFRICA, AND ELSEWHERE AS WELL. UNQTE.
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